(c) if so, whether the final National Mineral Policy has been finalised; and

(d) if so, by what time the policy is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) to (d) A draft of the National Mineral Policy for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments, U.T. Administrations, concerned Ministries/Departments of Central Government, and mining industries and organisations. The draft policy is under the consideration of the Government at present.

Strategy for production of pulses

3333. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a strategy has been evolved for increasing production of pulses in 1989-90;

(b) whether any concrete plan has been chalked out in this regard ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the new plan is likely to be helpful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Strategy for increasing production pulses is :—

(i) Introduction of pulse crops in irrigated farming system as additional area under summer pulses in irrigated areas, popularisation of early maturing Arhar varieties under Arhar wheat sequence in northern States and encouraging cultivation of short duration varieties of moong and urd in rice follows;

(ii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soyabean, bajra, cotton, sugarcane groundnut ;

(iii) Increased use of inputs like improved seeds, adoption of plant protection measures use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture.

The above strategy is supported by the two programmes.

(i) Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project ; and

(ii) Central Sector Special Food Grains production Programme providing assistance for plant protection operation in Gram and Arhar against pod borer and expansion of Area under Summer Pulses (Moong/Urd).

(d) It will help in achieving the production target of pulses.

Unauthorised construction of additional rooms in Naraina Vihar

3334. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has recently served notices to those flats owners of DDA in Naraina Vihar, who have constructed unauthorised additional rooms ; if so, the details of the notices served ;

(b) whether any such notice has also been served to the owner of Flat No. I-316, Naraina Vihar, who has constructed additional rooms on the terrace and has extended the balcony violating the norms of the DDA in this regard ;

(c) whether Government propose to cancel the allotment of the said flats in terms of lease deeds ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what further action Government propose to take against those who have constructed additional rooms in the Narain Vihar, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Notices have been sent on 24-7-1989 through Registered A.D. to the concerned allottees including the allottee of Flat No. I-316, Narain Vihar, Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir, after due process of law.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) .

Export of aluminium by NALCO

3335. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that NALCO was exporting aluminium ingots to earn Foreign Exchange even though the secondary manufacturers were importing ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to lower international price of aluminium, NALCO has stopped export of Aluminium and approached Government for imposing custom duty on aluminium to curb its imports and exploit the domestic Aluminium consumers by charging high price in absence of any price control;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to direct NALCO to resume export to earn foreign exchange and also propose to turn down the request of NALCO to impose custom duty on aluminium in the interst of medium and small scale units in the country ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) NALCO exported about 15,000 tonnes of high grade aluminium during 1988-89 which was less than five percent of the total production of aluminium, including aluminium rods, has been put under O.G.L. thereby enabling consumers to supplement their requirements of aluminium metal through direct imports.

(b) to (d). NALCO is continuing export of high grade aluminium during the current year and by July, 1989 about 8,200 tonnes has been exported.

The international price of aluminium quoted on the London Metal Exchange (LME) has recently shown a downward trend. NALCO has drawn attention of the Government to this fact and had requested for suitable action in order to prevent accumulation of unsold stocks in the country.

Representations have also been received from secondary manufacturers and small scale units against imposition of customs duty. Suitable action will be taken after consideration of these representations at the appropriate time.

Officers of the Hindustan Zinc Limited on deputation to Hindustan copper limited

3336. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some officers of the Hindustan Zinc Limited have been sent on deputation to